

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, July 3, 2023 in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Jeff Smith, Lester Nace, Dexter Potter, Rick Schaar, Sue Flickinger, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, Holly Potter, Loraine Vogel, Phillip Vogel, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, John Weldon and Shawn Fuller.

Jim Fuller led the pledge to the American flag followed by an invocation given by Kurt Hepschmidt.

The minutes of the June 5, 2023 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the July 3, 2023 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary. Jim Fuller stated he has some issues that he would like to talk about. Jim stated the sentence regarding David Mills towards the end of the minutes is not a proper sentence and should be corrected. Jim stated the issue regarding bringing the solicitor back to township meetings; he did not comment on that and thinks the language about the issue with John Weldon thing indicates there was a problem and he's not sure there was a problem and he is not in favor of bringing the solicitor back and he did get the letter from the solicitor stating he is not available for the township. Barry Schrope stated he did speak with the solicitor and he indicated he could possibly attend September's meeting because it is a Tuesday but other month's he is out of town on Mondays. Jeff Smith stated if there was no problem with the John Weldon issue, he would not have paid \$4300 back to the township. Jim stated the previous minutes will indicate that the supervisors had delegated Jeff Smith as the road master to do the inspections to save money from Act One and make sure everything is going alright and tell the supervisors if there is something happening that shouldn't be and to the best of his knowledge there were never any inspections. Jeff stated that is because after John was awarded the bid he came up to the table after the meeting and said he did not want me down there because he said he thinks I don't like him and asked you (Jim) and Barry to do it and nobody went down. Jim said we ignored it because it was not official business. Jim said he does not have the skills Jeff has as far as construction and he thinks it would've been better for Jeff to do the inspections and see whether things were going as bid. Jim stated about the alternate assistant treasurer it doesn't matter to him if he is not the alternate assistant treasurer. Jim said the minutes state Jeff Smith received a phone call about looking for another alternate instead of Jim because he was okay with what the contractor did on the Wagner Park project. Jim said he takes issue with that because he knows that if you want to ruin someone's reputation you cause mistrust for them and he has tried to build trust up with people and don't like that kind of talk; not happy with the corruption and Jim Fuller's intentions and the things he has said. Jim said he did not vote for Jeff's resignation not because of conflict of interest but because he was kind of blindsided by the letter Jeff presented him accusing him of corruption; so, he would like to see that changed it was not a conflict of interest. Barry said that's what we tried to tell him at the meeting and Vicki Jenkins told him you can only abstain if it is a conflict of interest and you stated you wanted to abstain. Jim stated he did not abstain because it was a conflict of interest. Barry said the recording from last month could be reviewed. Jim stated he won't be able to approve the minutes as presented because of the items he does not agree with. Jeff stated he would like to comment; in the December 2022 minutes it states right in the minutes James Fuller is okay with double dipping and they were approved. Jim said the next month he labored intensively to share that he listened to the minutes a half a dozen times in disbelief that he said that; that's why when emotions run high in meetings sometimes people say things they don't mean and he's tried to be an honest man most of his life and as far as double dipping that would never suit him anywhere anytime and he knows he said that and it was a misstatement and he tried to correct it the next meeting. Barry asked about what corrections were needed. Jim stated the incomplete sentence on David Mills comment, the solicitor situation stating he does not think the solicitor being here would have made a difference because if the inspections weren't done, they wouldn't have had the solicitor do the inspections and nothing was really brought up much until after the job was completed. Barry asked what does that have to do with how the minutes are worded. Jim said it indicates that if we would've had the solicitor here before it would've avoided the whole issues with the whole John Weldon thing and that's his problem. Barry said he knows Jim doesn't agree with it but that's what was said. Jim said he would like the minutes to reflect his thoughts. Barry said the new minutes will reflect that, but this part of the minutes is okay. Jim said we have given Vicki liberty to put in the minutes what she feels needed and he's been kind of out of the loop for different reasons and he's just concerned about the public getting the impression from statements made and recorded that there was in fact corruption with the rec board. Jim said he's been here through the whole thing and the supervisors have sat down with John Weldon several times and to indicate to the public that the rec board is doing something crooked and their chairman as a business man is not an honest person, he feels we are going the wrong way here. Jim said he hasn't seen anything that caused him to believe that John Weldon has done anything wrong and if he would have, he would've been the first to condemn him, they are not good buddies, he has done work for him in the past and for the township and as far as him giving money back to the township his understanding was, he wanted to make sure by giving that back there was absolutely no credibility to any kind of accusations against him. Jim said this whole idea of calling him corrupt because he would not join the club but chose rather to support

John that's a problem. Jim told the other supervisors they can approve the minutes but he cannot because of the inaccuracies. Barry stated he will listen to the minutes again, Jim stated he would like to listen to the recording together with Barry. Barry asked Jim what he meant by the club. Jeff stated the John Weldon hate club that was brought up at the meeting calling it revenge. Jim said it's no secret that we had an election 2 years ago and he was there all day and Dexter was there all day and he would not make a commitment between Jeff or John he did not want to influence because of political position so then this past election it was him, Phil and Loraine there and it was Jeff, Amanda, Dexter, Holly, Alice, Candi so he knows that he has been left out and he asked to be a part of the rec board monies and wasn't called at all. Barry said yes Vicki did it and he came in and looked at it because he can't come in during the day and he said to Vicki the only thing he didn't see was the township paying for the bollard so she made that change. Jim asked Barry if there is a right to know against the township right now and Barry said not that he is aware of. Jim said there has been a lot of hard feelings and he has lost some sleep. Barry said he has lost a lot of sleep as well and still is. Barry said he had his first heart attack because of the rec board and doesn't plan to have a second one. Barry said the same night he had his heart attack he was at the park; he doesn't hold a grudge against the park it happened and maybe it wasn't because of the rec board maybe it was just God's will but he thinks if we really wanted to look into this, he has more than enough evidence on paper that he will sit down and talk with anyone about it. Barry said he tried to talk to the rec board about it but all they want to do is fight when he was at the meeting. Barry said he would like to understand why it happened. Jim asked why what happened, Barry said any of this. Shawn Fuller stated if Barry's talking about the \$17,000 that was spent on blacktop, they apologized for that, they did not know they were doing anything wrong, they thought they were saving the township money by doing the extra while the contractor was there and it was not done purposely. Barry asked if he was talking about the 3 quotes; Shawn said yes. Barry said you have a supervisor that's been on the board for 23 years and he should've said look we need to get 3 quotes for this it's over the amount. Shawn said then why does he hold a grudge against them after they apologized; Barry said he is not holding a grudge. Shawn said apparently you are because this is what is keeping this going on. Barry asked Shawn how many meetings he has been at complaining about this. Barry said he asked every member of the rec board except Shawn what they expected to get for the \$17,000 in paving and got different answers from everyone. Jim said the paving cost the township \$12,500 because of the \$4,000 John gave back, \$12,500 for the paving and \$50,000 for the bridge. Barry said it cost the township \$15,000 that was paid to John because he bid it and then the rec board paid \$17,500 for the same thing he got paid for; that's where the \$4,300 comes back into play. Barry said we did the math that didn't coincide how much that John bid in the bid package and what the rec board paid for. Jim stated Barry was down and measured the square footage and Dave and John were down and measured the square footage and they came up with almost the same square footage. Barry said he will go down with them and measure and show on paper where the \$4,300 dollar difference is; John didn't give the money back out of the goodness of his heart, there might have been some other missing link when he did the bid package. Shawn said he thought there was a spot in the bid package that got missed and everyone read the bid package and wasn't it discussed there was a spot of paving that was missed in the bid package. Barry said nobody told him that. John Weldon stated one of the extras that was paved was not in the bid package at all, it was a part the park wanted repaved and that's what they did and that's what brought the price up to the \$17,000 something but then he reimbursed them \$4,300 so the park only paid whatever the difference would be. Barry asked John who paid for the part from the gate back to the trees by the pavilion, John advised the rec board paid for that and it's not in the bid package. Barry asked if the recorder was on, Jeff advised yes, Barry told John he told him that he paid for it, so now the numbers are totally off. John said no, he paid originally for what was at the gate out, Barry said no he told him that's what the rec board paid for; from the gate out to Paradise. John said no, the rec board eventually paid for all of it, everything paved around the gate, the gate out to the road and the gate back the rec board paid for, none of that was in the bid package. John said there were only 2 things in the bid package; going back the railroad bed to the bridge and the driveway down in the parking lot to the pavilion; that's what he paid for. Barry said if we do the math, John said he's already done the math, Barry said John only told him he only paid for the paving from the gate back. Barry said he talked to everybody on the rec board and everyone gave him a different answer. Barry said he spoke with Phyllis Thursday night; she called him and wanted to talk about this. John said she would not know about the paving because she doesn't go down to the park. John said because all of that paving out there like he said none of that was in the bid package, that's the part they added and didn't get the 3 bids because they did since the paver was there, yes, they should've gone out and got 3 bids but then he probably would not have gotten it done and they would've had to have someone come back. Barry said the rec board had months from the time they approved it in their rec board minutes until it was paved. John said you can't get a paver in that fast and Barry said they could've obtained 3 quotes; John said they could have but didn't realize they had too. John said why don't you get over it. Jim asked what the threshold is and Barry said he believes it's \$11,900. A couple people spoke and said that's why the township needs a

solicitor. Barry said he spoke to the solicitor about the whole thing and he gave him lots of answers, Barry said the solicitor asked about the money and he told him they got some back and he advised that was good. David Mills asked if anyone can say they didn't get a lot done for what they paid for; there unhappy with having the park paved a little bit is that so negative that we can't move on from it. Shawn said they did not do anything intentionally to harm the township for sure, it was not his intention, he pays taxes in this township too. David stated it was not his intention either. Shawn stated he is ready to be done and if something doesn't get fixed, he's resigning. Jim said don't do that, that's part of the object here. Shawn advised he comes to meetings and is incapable of making a decision at this point because he made the motion for the \$17,000 dollars not knowing he was doing something wrong and he asked for forgiveness but was not forgiven and asked if they knew how that makes him feel and said they have degraded them to a place where they can't make a decision so when they come to a meeting and try and make a decision we have people sitting there saying there not allowed to do that because it's a supervisors job. Shawn said in 18 years they have made decisions and good ones and have got a lot accomplished but they make a mistake and are crucified. Barry brought up the ordinance creating the rec board and said a copy will be placed in their folder. Barry said the supervisors are supposed to be the ones doing the rec board budget and stated he did not know that. Shawn said he doesn't understand why they've been doing this for so long and all of a sudden, we've come to a place where they are not allowed to make a decision. Barry said he also spoke to PSATS and they said the rec board should not be entering into any contract with anybody, they do not have the authority and that he spoke to our surrounding townships and they advised him they give between \$5,000 and \$7,000 to the rec board for operating expenses; supervisors do all the major purchases. Barry said if they don't spend the \$5,000 it comes back at the end of the year and you get another \$5,000 the next year for expenditures. Barry said it has not been done here in his time and he is sorry and that he did not know the ordinance even existed, so he guesses he is as guilty as everyone else when it comes to this. Shawn said he does not know what the rec boards position is then and if they want to do something and have an agenda that they need to come to the supervisors and guesses that's how this is going to go. Shawn said there all frustrated and he's not here to argue. Barry said he would be glad to sit down with anybody and explain this whole money issue the way he is looking at it. Shawn asked if there is a way to move on from it and Barry said that's what he has to figure out and he is trying to. Jim said it is pertinent that the engineer signed off on this project, DCNR has signed off on this project, the lawyer Dave Wilson has signed off on this project, but there is something there that continues to boil and Barry was not at the last rec board meeting; Vicki and Dave and Amanda and Jeff were there and there was no progress made, there was a lot of animosity. Shawn stated there was a statement made at that meeting that they were going to do whatever they want and he said no were not were going to wait and discuss this at the township meeting because he is not here to cause problems, all he knows is the right way to do it and have a smooth go. Barry said he thinks if he reads the ordinance it will help. David asked if Barry is insinuating the rec board is at fault for this, Barry said no he's as much to blame. David said the supervisors are responsible for all the ordinances and if this wasn't being done as stated it's the supervisor's responsibility to take care of it. Barry said when you read the ordinance just about everything, he asked of the rec board with his rec board recommendations is in there. Shawn said he will read the ordinance and is guessing what they discuss and decide at a meeting they will have to bring to a township meeting to get it approved and asked whose responsibility it is to get bids. Barry said it would be the supervisors because the rec board is not allowed to enter into any contracts. Shawn said then they will give the supervisors suggestions and then the supervisors will follow through with it. Jim stated that's unless the ordinance is changed and said it is kind of foolish to make any ordinances at this point; we have a lame duck type of situation, the new administration be it Dexter or Phil can do anything they want, this board has no authority to dictate to the next board what they're going to do, that's in the Second Class Code. Barry said that is not in the Second Class Code. Jim said it sure is and Barry disagreed. Jim asked Barry what ordinance is he going to make; Barry said he is not making an ordinance he is just asking him to read the ordinance that is already here. Jim said to hammer in something right now and tell the rec board you are going this and this is foolish, the next administration can change everything. Jeff and Barry stated they know that. Barry said he is not pounding anything down their throat and said this ordinance has been in effect since 1992. John said they have been operating without this and doing fine. Jeff told John he has been on the rec board since day 1 and knew the ordinance was in effect, John said he never read it. Jeff said but it's the supervisor's fault that they don't know about it but he's been on the board since day 1 and asked David how long he has been on the board that he wants to sit here and blast the supervisors. John said why change now; Barry said so now we know about the ordinance and we are going to break the ordinance. John said now we know but it's like what Jim said the supervisors have the authority to change it; Barry said he is not looking to change it; Jim just told him not to change it. Jim said he doesn't think they should change anything at this point. Jim said but to dwell on it and hammer into them that this is the ordinance and you're going to obey it; it's foolish to hammer on that because the next administration could change everything back to whatever they want.

Barry said your right, but as long as he is sitting here, he's going to try and follow the rules; he's not the one out not getting 3 quotes to do the blacktopping when he has been a supervisor for 18 years and he's not the one calling him and threatening him that if he gets a solicitor to come to the meetings that you are going to go out and tell everyone in the township that he's wasting money. Barry said he's not running for supervisor again, he doesn't care, he's not wasting money, he's looking and watching where the money goes and that he's still trying to figure out why all of a sudden Jim has this renewed interest in the township because for years Jim just sat back and sometimes, he came in to sign checks on Monday and sometimes he didn't. Jim asked where he got that information from; Barry said from Vicki because Vicki would call him and ask him to come in and sign checks because Jim wasn't in. Jeff said at the beginning of the meeting Jim said he hasn't been involved for such a long time. Jim said he indicated he has not been included in any of this and he asked to be included; Barry said Jim is as included as he is. Barry said someone is going to be in for a rude awakening when they become chairman because the chairman seat is not what it was 15 years ago, there's so much more paperwork and more things going on. Barry said he will get with Vicki and go over the minutes and see what the tape says and move on.

Marty Smith said he has been the maintenance director with the county for 15 years and they don't do anything without the solicitor. Marty said he does not understand why the township doesn't have a solicitor, that's what a solicitor is for; to read over contracts and tell you what you can and cannot do. Marty said he sits on several boards as well with the county and when it comes to spending money it all goes through the commissioners; they can approve the projects but it must go back to the commissioners for their approval. Jim Fuller asked what township Marty lives in and asked if they have a solicitor at every meeting and Marty indicated he does not know he does not attend their meetings. Marty also stated there was an election 2 years ago and the guy lost, get over it the township residents voted. Jim said that is what we would like to do. Marty asked why would there be revenge. Jim said there are some people that say remember remember you do not mess with me.

Loraine Vogel stated she loves this township and she thinks the township has a lot of good people working for the township and she would hate to see people resigning on the rec board because of what is going on. Loraine stated she thinks somehow this could be resolved in a peaceful manner without a lot of resentment and stated she did not get to see all of the figures but from what she understands the next lowest bid for that whole job came in at \$250,000 so there is a lot of stuff going on and turmoil for a job that cost the township under \$100,000 and it saved the township money. Barry Schrope said he has been thinking this whole time and he thinks the problem is we don't have a referee; we don't have an outside person looking at the whole thing.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated he sort of agrees with Loraine that as he prays for peace that his request would be that the 4 people, Vicki is not here, would show some humility and admit when there wrong too. Kurt said the minutes said we needed a solicitor, well legally a lot of that could be done with email and they could look over the grants and make sure everything is legal and signed and he does not miss a meeting but it appears the what the township really needed is a financial person, an accountant or something to look over how things were being paid and if there being paid towards the contract and stuff. Kurt said Barry asked for forgiveness and Shawn asked for forgiveness tonight and he said we need to acknowledge that and move forward because the only thing it's going to do is tear down the township. Kurt said admit things were done wrong and that there is an ordinance now and things have to be done a certain way and try to do it the right way. Kurt said John has done a lot of work for the township and has saved the township money and it was probably an error or a lot of people's parts.

David Mills stated he is the vice chairman of the park and rec board and he has been appointed by all of the current supervisors and previous supervisors for 20 plus years. David said all of the rec board members have been appointed by the supervisors to support park and recreation with tax payer money budgeted for that purpose. David said over the years they have created and maintained a park with 3 ball fields, a multipurpose field, restrooms, garage, snack bar, playground, 2 pavilions with parking and several miles of marked trails and they have also purchased the necessary equipment to maintain all of this; a tractor with a bucket, an ATV and a mower. David said they have always been frugal with all their expenses and purchases and have never exceeded their budget; they have put the extra funds into savings for unforeseen issues or needed improvements. David said in his time here he has never seen a negative review from the township auditors, unfortunately the rec board has come under fire with the township supervisors over several issues with what they can and cannot do with the appointed funds they are given stating they need to get someone to maintain the trail system since the grass is growing continuously. David said a person was found but they were told by several people at their last meeting that they must get this approved; one person who shall remain anonymous stated \$20 an hour was to much for this service and he would do it for free for us; his answer to this if you want to do it do it for free like the rest of us do. David said then you have people from the township on staff having control of all the decisions there is really no need to have a

park and rec board; if this is the consensus of the supervisors, they will consider making a recommendation at their next meeting to abolish the rec board and turn everything over to the township. Barry Schrope asked if he would still feel the same way after reading the ordinance; David said he would have to read it and consider it. Jim Fuller asked if everyone had copies. David asked when the ordinance was received in the folders. Barry said he just saw it this week, Jim said he has never seen it before. David said he thought it would've been emailed to the rec board members. Barry said Phyllis made a copy of it and was supposed to do that. Barry said they talked Thursday night and she made a copy of it and was going to share it with the rec board by email.

John Weldon said he has been on the rec board since day one and has put in a lot of time down there even other than Wednesday night's when they built those buildings when Bob Foltz and his son in law mixed mud and they spent Saturday after Saturday building that building and he put a lot of time in down there and every dollar that they spend they turned it into 2 or 3 dollars and they haven't done anything wrong. John said in all the time he has spent down there in these 30 years he can't believe you could actually look him in the eye and say John you're cheating the park. John said yes, a mistake was made; we found it and he corrected it and that's it but that's all he keeps hearing, you didn't do it right; it was added up how many times. John said if you're off a couple feet on some paving that's one thing but the way you're sitting there telling me it's way off. Barry Schrope said he was fine with it; the money was paid back and thinks he did a good job too he just whenever the mix was and is he was hoping it was over and it wasn't. Barry said a lot of people have put time in down there and he doesn't have a lot time to donate to the park but whenever they did the multipurpose field the last time Dexter and himself and Paul Finkenbinder donated all the straw to have that reseeded.

Shawn Fuller stated at their last meeting they discussed about the signs and they will be 8" sign with 6" lettering and as long what the name is and the price was \$30/ea. Shawn asked if that would be okay so that they can move forward with this project and get the put up.

Dexter Potter presented the Road Master report for the month of June. Dexter stated this month he ended up finishing mowing along the township roads, took the red dump up to Hoover Bros. for inspection, cleaned up a downed tree on Pennells Church and a limb on Sulphur Springs, trimmed trees on Pine Hill and Sherman Drive for sight distance, graded on Montebello, seal coated Montebello Farm, Montebello and Creek Road and hauled 2 loads of playground mulch for the park.

No representative from the Duncannon Fire Co. was present at tonight's meeting.

Barry Schrope stated Vicki Jenkins has not heard from Blue Ridge Communications regarding internet service at Wagner Park. Shawn Fuller asked if the rec board could go with someone else for internet service to the park. Barry Schrope and Jim Fuller said they are fine with someone looking into it.

The recreation board donation was discussed. Barry Schrope stated he believes the account the money currently is in from DCNR the donation could go right into that. Jeff Smith made the motion to release the donation of \$17,500 into the account, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated in the grant account there is currently \$40,903.50, out of that money \$2,644.13 gets paid back to the General Fund for bills the township paid; engineering bills, solicitor bills and the safety bollards and the interest of \$27.12 needs to go back to DCNR leaving a balance of \$38,232.25 going back to the rec board. Barry Schrope made a motion to pay back the General Fund \$2,644.13 and DCNR for the interest of \$27.12 and the remaining balance of \$38,232.25 remain in the account for the recreation board capital reserve account, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated a draft resolution has been presented to change the vested years from the current 5 years to 10 years. Jeff Smith stated he looked back at the pension information here at the township and spoke with PSATS. Jeff stated most townships require 10 years to be vested for retirement and the main reason for that is if you get someone older to work for the township the township pays more because they are not working as long as a younger person would and not paying in as long. Jeff said he felt it was a way to protect the township and save the township some money towards the annual township contribution. Jim Fuller stated the 1.5% is probably the bottom of the totem pole; he believes the state is paying 4.5% as their multiplier. Jeff stated everything else in the ordinance would stay the same; he's just interested in making a resolution to change the vested years from 5 to 10. Barry Schrope asked if this could even be adopted tonight because Vicki Jenkins is not here and cannot attest to it. Jim said it could be tabled and that would give the supervisors a chance to think about it. Barry said he is fine with the resolution and saving the township money. Jim said let's figure on passing it but table it until next month's meeting.

Jeff Smith presented numbers for the tar buggy that was discussed a couple months ago. Jeff said one of the quotes is for a 115 gallon tank tar buggy and the other quote is for a 260 gallon tank; the 115 gallon tank cost \$17,415 and the 260 gallon tank cost \$21,365. Jim Fuller made a motion to purchase the 260 gallon tank tar buggy for \$21,365, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor. The purchase will be through Costars so 3 phone quotes will not be required.

Correspondence has been received from Cunningham, Chernicoff & Warshawsky, P.C. regarding the firm not seeking reappointment as the Township Solicitor. Barry Schrope stated he spoke with Mr. Warshawsky and they are not able to attend the meetings and the only possible one Mr. Warshawsky could come to is the September meeting. Sue Flickinger asked why the supervisors went out of county to get a solicitor. Barry stated the township at one point had Johanna Rehkamp and she joined Cunningham and that's how the township got with them.

Barry Schrope discussed the Wagner Park ball fields name signs. Shawn Fuller stated instead of the ball fields being numbered they will have a name in recognition of Bob Foltz, John Weldon and David Mills for their dedication of service. Jim Fuller stated the signs will be \$30/ea. Barry Schrope made a motion to get the 3 signs, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Shawn Fuller asked for clarification on paying the rec board regular bills such as trash and electric. Barry Schrope stated it will have to be on their monthly report for approval for upcoming bills. David Mills asked why the board has a treasurer if the supervisors are going to have to approve any and all expenditures made on behalf of the rec board; so, if he needs to get screws that cost \$1.23, he needs to get permission to buy them, is that how low the supervisors are going. Kurt Hepschmidt stated that is how the fire company does it as well. Shawn stated he understands purchasing something big but when spending something minimal to maintain the park they should have the ability to do that. Jeff Smith stated why can't the supervisors do like they do for the road master; a \$500 spending limit. Jeff said that is what he had and that is what Dexter Potter currently has and then they can pay their electric and trash bill and the small stuff. Jeff said the problem seems to be the bigger purchases. Jim Fuller asked if there was a provision for the amount of any and all funds in the ordinance. Jeff stated Vicki Jenkins has a limit as well for purchases. Barry Schrope stated he is fine with giving a \$500 limit; Jeff stated anything over that the rec board should ask for permission. Barry said the supervisors are actually supposed to be the one doing the rec boards budget and that the rec board should not be making any contracts with anyone; the supervisors should do that as well. Shawn stated there is much to do; the trails need maintained and they just can't do it all in a couple hours on their work night. Barry stated all the eagle scout projects are a great thing but then the park is left with the upkeep and maintenance. David said the township used to hire a part time person in the summer time to help with the park and other things and that maybe that should be looked into again and budgeted for.

Jeff Smith stated the road master past and present always had a township credit card with a \$500 limit for small things such as gas, etc. and this was not discussed at last month's meeting when the supervisors appointed Dexter Potter as road master. Jeff advised when he left, he gave Dexter his credit card and asked Vicki Jenkins to change names on the card. Jeff stated Dexter received his new card and Vicki has shredded his. Jeff said he asked Vicki to put this on the agenda so everyone would know that he no longer has a township credit card and Dexter does.

Kurt Hepschmidt asked about the last item discussed and asked if the supervisors are going to advertise for someone to help at the park or what. Jeff Smith stated no applications have been submitted as of yet for the full time job that was advertised. Jim Fuller said let's see how many applications the township receives for the full time position and maybe that could be allocated with the new hire. Shawn Fuller went back to the rec board bills again. Jeff Smith made a motion that the rec board can pay their monthly electric bill and have a \$500 limit for small miscellaneous things and anything over that bring it to the supervisors and they will vote on it, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. John Weldon asked with the \$500 could they hire someone to trim the trails. Barry Schrope stated they cannot hire someone to trim the trails; it's a contract. Barry asked the other supervisors if they want to look into hiring someone part time. Barry suggested calling Corey Stone. David Mills asked if the supervisors could hire John Weldon's grandson to trim the trails and that he would be providing his own equipment, insurance, etc. Shawn said at \$20 something an hour is a pretty fair price. Barry asked how long it would take to trim the trails; Shawn said 2 days. Barry Schrope made a motion to hire John Weldon's grandson to trim the trails at the park with a \$400 limit, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope advised Randy Waggoner will be attending the August 7, 2023 supervisors meeting to discuss the reassessment project.

Barry Schrope stated Loraine Vogel has contacted Vicki Jenkins about Phil Vogel attending the Perry County Convention and said that Phil has attended before which was paid for by Loraine but now, he is Deputy Tax Collector. Loraine stated it doesn't matter either way they could pay for it as well. Barry stated the invite was extended to the Deputy EMC's and wouldn't have an issue with the township paying for it. Barry Schrope made a motion to pay for Phil Vogel to attend the Perry County Convention, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope stated last month the township had the letter about broad band coming to Wheatfield Township. Barry said Vicki Jenkins contacted the County and it is not a hoax and that the company contacted the County as well. Barry said the Vicki did email the company back acknowledging receipt of the letter.

Barry Schrope stated Don Jacobs Ins. would like to requote the township's insurance. Barry advised he would have to abstain because his wife works for Don Jacobs. Jim Fuller stated it would not hurt to get another quote and Jeff Smith asked when the current policy renews; Barry stated in September. Barry said Vicki Jenkins went through all of this last year with them and got all the information needed and they never provided a quote. Jeff Smith stated he is fine with getting a quote as well.

Barry Schrope advised the AED was ordered and the company sent the wrong one. Barry said it was supposed to be a new one and they sent a refurbished one. Barry said the wrong one has been sent back but we haven't received the correct one as of yet.

Barry Schrope gave an update on the interest the township has earned in the General Fund and State Fund accounts. Barry stated the State Fund in 2022 received \$1,623.68 and so far, this year the township has received \$4,587.47 and in the General Fund in 2022 received \$6,782.77 and so far, this year the township has received \$16,131.23.

Sue Flickinger stated from an auditing standpoint, when Jeff Smith resigned as road master at last month's meeting and stated he would come in and help Dexter Potter with some projects that were already set in place. Sue asked if Jeff is going to be appointed to do that and if so, the auditors would have to set his pay rate as a working supervisor. Sue stated a time limit should also be placed on this as well such as an on-call basis, hours or how much time. Sue stated the auditors would have to schedule a meeting to do this. Barry Schrope made the motion to rehire Jeff Smith to work part time as needed and for the auditors to set his pay, Jim Fuller second the motion, Jeff Smith abstained. Sue stated she will get with Vicki Jenkins to schedule the meeting and get the pay rate being paid to the other part time workers.

Jeff Smith discussed the quote for the red dump truck from Hoover Bros. Dexter Potter stated he talked to them and asked them to give him a list of what all the truck needs for inspection and a ball park price as to what it is going to cost. Dexter said a cost was not given because they didn't know how much all of this was going to cost. Jeff said they think it may be a blown head gasket or a cracked head and that you don't know until you tear it apart. Jeff said he was hoping to talk with Hoover Bros. to see what the bear minimum would be to get another year out of it and then start possibly looking for something else. Jeff asked the others if they were looking into replacing it or repairing it and said if the plan is to keep it, it should be fixed right. Jim Fuller asked Jeff to talk to Hoover Bros. and see what they say and the township can keep an eye out for another truck.

Lester Nace stated there has been some complaints from the Wheatfield Township neighborhood regarding a driveway across from the entrance to the development, had a problem on Dark Hollow Road about a house being built without the township knowing and said he will follow up on that, on Dellville Road he had a complaint about a driveway being cut in without a permit from the state and something is going on Mountain Road but he has not been able to make contact with them as of yet.

Jim Fuller thanked the volunteers who came out for recycling stating it was a very busy day. Jim advised him and Dexter did take the bucket truck up to Stauffers Weld Shop to get the cylinder looked at.

Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of June. They were as follows:

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Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary